Hogarth-Lawrence House Salisbury Private

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Construction of the initial frame dwelling is credited to Somerfield and Amanda Smith, who acquired thirteen and three-quarter acres in December 1891 from James and Lydia Cannon. Traditional mortise-and-tenon frame construction coupled with the turned baluster staircase point to the late nineteenth-century date, although the property had been improved since the 1870s, according to the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas. Under the ownership of Dr. William Rider, his farm, including around 100 acres, was improved by a half-dozen structures located on the north side

Amanda Smith held title to the thirteen-acre parcel and house until 1905 when the property was transferred to Charles and Charlotte Willett for \$1301.35. The grantees were required to assume a mortgage to the Wicomico Building and Loan Association. The Willetts maintained title to the property until the mid 1920s when it was sold to the Tony Tank Development Company. The house and reduced acreage passed through several hands during the late 1920s through the mid 1940s. Substantial alterations were not made to the dwelling until Charles M. Hogarth acquired the property in 1946. The Hogarths were responsible for the Colonial Revival alterations to the house, particularly the south end addition, bay windows, and the restyling of the living room. In 1982 the house and lot were purchased by Pelham B. and Virginia M. Lawrence, in whose hands additional changes have been made to sensitively enlarge and refine the hundred year-old Victorian/Colonial Revival residence.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Hogarth-Lawrence House

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-453

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Dwelling

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WI-453
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1. Nam	e (indicate pr	eferred name)		
historic	Somerfield Sm	ith House		
and/or common	Hogarth-Lawre	nce House		
2. Loca	ition			
street & number	1515 Camden A	venue		not for publication
city, town	Salisbury	vicinity of	congressional district	First
state	Maryland	county	Wicomico	
3. Clas	sification			
Category district X_ building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered xnot_applicable	Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park X private residence religious scientific transportation other:
<u>4. Own</u>	er of Prope	rty (give names a	nd mailing addresse	es of <u>all</u> owners)
name	Virginia M. La	awrence		
street & number	1515 Camden A	venue	telephone n	0.:
city, town	Salisbury	state	and zip code Mar	ryland 21801
5. Loca	ition of Leg	al Description	on	
courthouse, regis	stry of deeds, etc.	Nicomico County (lap 48, P. 141 liber 1203
street & number	Wicomico Coun	ty Courthouse		folio 562
city, town	Salisbury		state	MD 21801
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Somerfield Smith house, also known as the Hogarth-Lawrence house, stands at 1515 Camden Avenue in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay center hall dwelling faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Description

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The two-story, three-bay, center hall house has developed in several stages. beginning with a c. 1892 side hall/parlor plan structure of mortise-and-tenon frame construction. The initial house had a two-story, one-room plan service wing to the rear. During the mid to late twentieth century the house was expanded with a twostory addition to the south creating a center hall plan dwelling, and various additions have been attached to the rear wing in an effort to expand the size of the kitchen and increase the number of bedrooms. At the same time the house was restyled in Colonial Revival trim. The house rests on a part brick, part concrete block foundation which has been excavated to include a cellar under the rear wing. An application of aluminum siding sheaths the entire house, and the medium pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

The west (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking windows. The entrance has been recently redsigned with fluted Ionic pilasters and a segmental arched fanlight that frames a six-panel door. To each side are single-story bay windows trimmed with dentil molding around the cornice. The second story is defined by paired casement windows in the center bay. and six-over-six replacement sash to each side. The edge of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. Rising off-center through the middle of the house is an internal brick chimney stack.

The gable ends of the main block are treated in similar ways. The north gable end is defined by pairs of six-over-six sash windows on each floor, whereas the south end has a bank of windows on the first floor and a pair of six-over-six sash windows on the second floor. The edge of the roof is finished with a slightly extended eave.

The original service wing has been enlarged in each direction by single-story and two-story additions.

The interior retains a small portion of its original woodwork, primarily a turned baluster staircase anchored by a turned newel post. The turned posts and balusters are fixed to a molded handrail. The living room on the south side of the house is trimmed in mid twentieth century Colonial Revival style with knotty pine paneling, exposed floor joists, and a neo-Federal mantel the frames the fireplace.

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8. Significance

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 8/91, 19 December 1891.

² John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, p. 20.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, 47/185, 8 September 1905.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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organization	Private	Consultant	,	date 6/	29/99		
street & numb	er P. O.	Box 5		telephone	410-6	51-1094	
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⁵ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 142/372, 16 February 1926.

⁶ Wicomico County Land Records, IDT 155/371, 3 May 1928; JWS 242/224, 8 August 1942.

⁷ Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 276/118, 1 February 1946.

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Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

Chain of title

Map 48, Parcel 141

1203/562

Pelham B. Lawrence

to

7/6/1989

Virginia M. Lawrence

Plat referenced under Tony Tank Development Co.

4/14/1928, IDT 155/1

972/665

Ann P. Hogarth

to

4/22/1982

Pelham B. Lawrence Virginia M. Lawrence

AJS 894/388

Ann P. Hogarth

to

3/9/1978

Ann P. Hogarth Patricia H. Bryan

JWTS 276/118

Upshur W. Morris Mary Crew Morris

to

2/1/1946

Charles M. Hogarth

Parcel One

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WI-453 Hogarth-Lawrence House 1515 Camden Avenue Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland Chain of title continued

JWS 242/224 The City Development Company, et al.

(and Howard B. Langrail)

to

8/8/1942 Upshur W. Morris

Mary Crew Morris

200' fronting on Camden Ave. Extended, Lots No. 13 and

14 and northerly two-thirds of Lot No. 15

IDT 184/274 Levin C. Bailey, Attorney

†O

8/1/1934 The City Development Co. (successor to the Tony Tank

Development Co.)

First Item

IDT 176/460 P. Francis Livingston

Annie B. Livingston

to

10/23/1932 The Tony Tank Development Company

IDT 155/371 The Tony Tank Development Company

to

5/3/1928 P. Francis Livingston

Annie B. Livingston

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Chain of title continued

JCK 142/372 Hooper S. Miles, et al. (Francis W. Miles, S. Franklyn

Woodcock)

to

2/16/1926 The Tony Tank Development Company

Conditions-not to build any house or other building closer to Camden Avenue than the present dwelling of

Clinton E. Quillen

-Not to sell any negro or to any descendant of any negro.

-Not to erect on the lot any dwelling worth less than

\$6,500

Clarence W. Whealton, President

The Tony Tank Development Company

JCK 142/240 Robert F. Duer

A. Louise Duer

to

2/15/1926 Hooper S. Miles

S. Franklyn Woodcock

13 acres

Charlotte H. Willett JCK 142/146

to

Robert F. Duer 1/16/1926

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Hogarth-Lawrence House 1515 Camden Avenue

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Chain of title continued

47/185 Amanda C. Smith

to

9/8/1905 Charles Edmund Willett

Charlotte Hance Willett of Baltimore City

\$1301.25 grantees pay to the Wicomico Building and Loan Association of Salisbury in the sum of \$798.75

13 3/4 acres

Mortgage

JTT 36/374 Amanda C. Smith

Somerfield Smith

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11/16/1904 Wicomico Building and Loan Association

\$900 13 3/4 acres

FMS 8/91 James Cannon

Lydia R. Cannon

to

12/19/1891 Amanda C. Smith, wife of Somerfield Smith

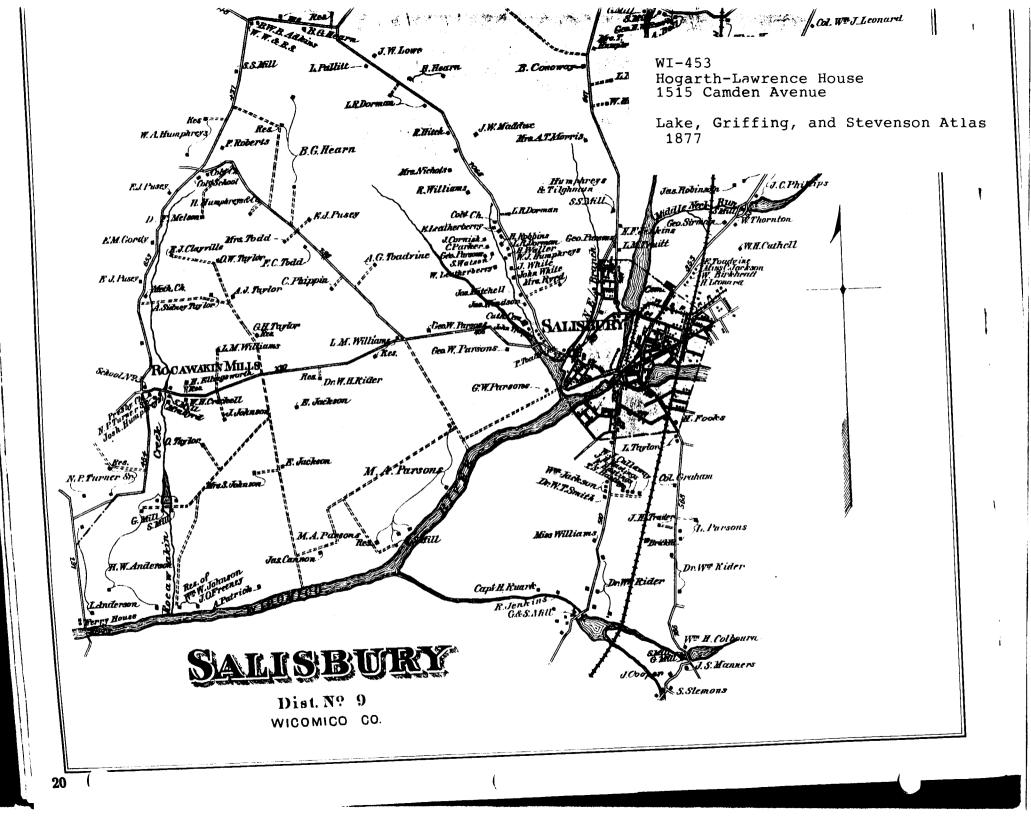
13 3/4 acres

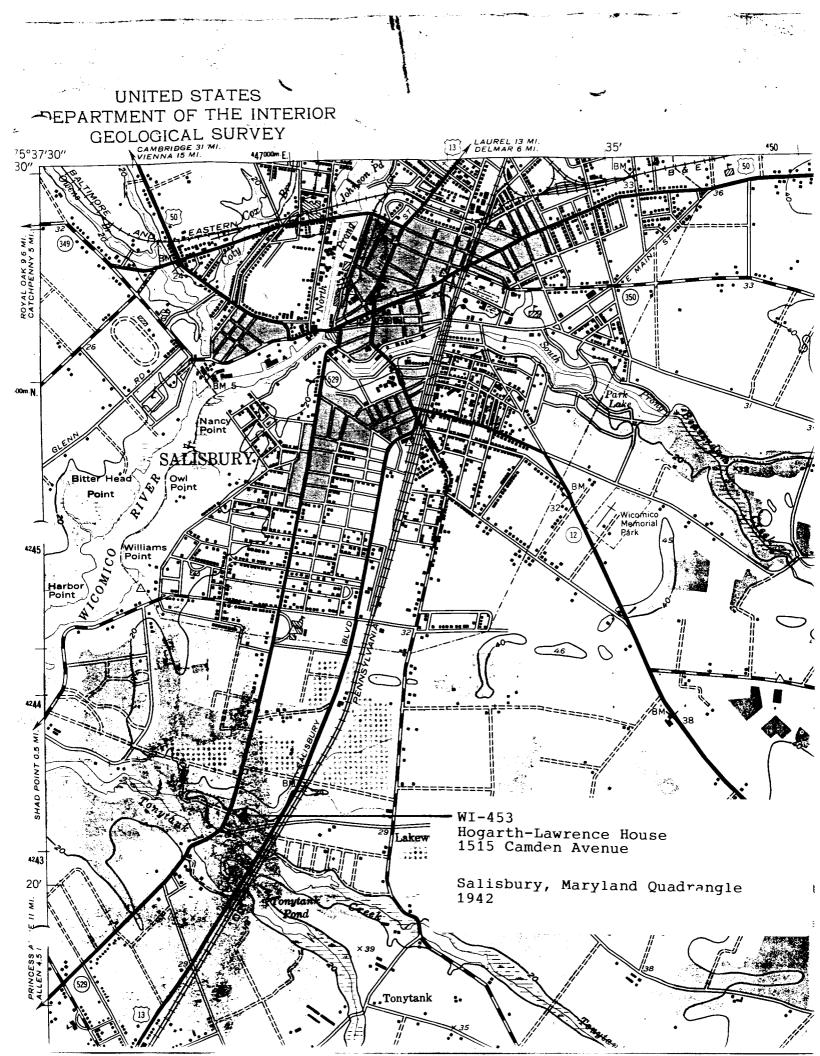
FMS 4/464 Margaret A. Rider

to

4/18/1889 James Cannon

100 acres \$900







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